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OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN PRESS SERVICE (AZAP) REPORTED FROM LONDON DEC 14 MOBUTU'S REACTION TO A "POURQUOI PAS?" (A BELGIAN MAGAZINE) COVER STORY RE RECENT MEASURES TO "ZAIRIANIZE THE ECONOMY". MOBUTU WAS GRIEVED BY "BASENESS AND VULGARITY" OF ARTICLE AND COMMENTED THAT SOME BELGIANS LOST THEIR COMPOSURE EACH TIME HE MOVED TO FREE ZAIRE'S ECONOMY. "THEIR RECRIMINATIONS WILL NOT MAKE US RETREAT." AZAP CONTINUES, "LET THEM WAIT UNTIL THE CHIEF OF STATE RETURNS TO KINSHASA. THATS WHEN "POURQUOIS PAS?" AND ITS CRONIES WILL LEARN THAT ZAIRE IS NOT THE CONGO." CLOSSES WITH QUOTE FROM MOBUTUS NOV 30 SPEECH RALLY: "IF THEY PROVOKE ME, I WILL BE EVEN TOUGHER."NEWLIN

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